

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
SCDNR YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS - 2007
SANTEE COASTAL RESERVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has designed the youth turkey hunts to strongly encourage more participation by youth who have never been turkey hunting. Sportsmen's children are certainly welcome to apply for the hunts but are encouraged to bring with them another youth who has never been turkey hunting or has very limited hunting experience. We feel that one of the best ways to recruit "new hunters" is for youth who hunt ("youth sportsmen") to encourage one of their friends who doesn't hunt to apply, and then if selected, actually bring them to the hunt. We especially want to introduce these "new hunters" to the challenges, thrills and enjoyment associated with hunting. Equally as important, we also want to make sure that this introduction is done safely and ethically. Both "youth sportsmen" and "new hunters," who wish to apply for these hunts must fully complete and return an application that includes a questionnaire about their hunting experience along with a completed liability waiver form and both the application and waiver form must be signed by their parent or legal guardian.

All DNR Youth Turkey Hunts will be on Saturday mornings and will conclude at 10:00am. Santee Coastal Reserve (SCR) is comprised of 24, 000 acres but only 4,000 acres are available for turkey hunting. SCR WMA will be divided into three sections. Each party will hunt one section, so there will be three groups hunting each Saturday. A party will consist of one adult and one or two youth. Only the youth will be allowed to shoot, but the adult/mentor must accompany the youth on the hunt. The adult/mentor must also have a hunting license but a WMA permit is not required. There will be a thorough review of firearms safety. More detailed instructions and directions to the hunt sites will be provided to applicants who are selected. If parents have further questions regarding safety, supervision, etc., please contact Willie Simmons, DNR Wildlife Biologist at 803-734-3898 or E-mail SimmonsW@dnr.sc.gov.

The age requirements for these special youth turkey hunts are 10 through 15, inclusive. There is no application fee or any other costs associated with these hunts and since all participants must be age 15 and under, a hunting license will not be required. However, turkey tags are required for all hunters. Young people who have an interest in turkey hunting but have not had previous opportunities because they lacked a hunting connection should certainly apply. Applications are available from the Columbia DNR Office or the DNR website at www.dnr.state.sc.us. Applications can also be copied. Completed applications must be received at the Columbia DNR Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2007 for the 4-7-07 and 4-14-07 youth turkey hunts. And for the 4-21-07 and 4-28-07 youth turkey hunts the deadline is Friday, April 6, 2007 (5:00p.m.) at the Columbia DNR Office.

**RETURN TO: SCDNR – YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS
Attn: Willie Simmons
P.O. Box 167
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 734-3898 OR FAX (803) 734-6020**

SCDNR YOUTH TURKEY HUNT APPLICATION - 2007
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YOUTH NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUTH (Please answer all questions)

1. What wildlife species have you hunted?
Circle: Dove Quail Rabbit Squirrel Turkey Deer Other None
2. Who has taken you hunting in the past?
Circle: No One Father Mother Relative Friend
3. How many times have you hunted turkey previously?
Circle: Never 1 to 3 4 or more Frequently
4. Have you ever attended a DNR Co-Sponsored Youth Hunt?
Circle: Yes No
5. Have you ever killed a turkey?
Circle: Yes No
6. Name and telephone number of "new hunter" you are bringing or sponsoring.
Name _____ Telephone _____

(Note: "New hunters" must also complete and submit an application)

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (Please answer all questions)

1. Do you participate in hunting?
Circle: Yes No
2. Do you have or could you obtain a suitable firearm for your youth to use during this hunt?
Circle: Yes No

NOTE - The appropriate signatures acknowledges that the youth's parents or legal guardians grant permission for their youth to participate in this special youth turkey hunt as described in this announcement. Please **circle** the date that you would like to attend a youth turkey hunt at **Santee Coastal Reserve Wildlife Management Area**. Only circle **one** date for each application.

4-7-07 4-14-07 4-21-07 4-28-07

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

I understand that there are risks and dangers inherent in participating in hunting activities. I also understand that in order to be allowed to participate, I must give up my rights to hold liable the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and all cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners who accommodate special DNR hunts for any injury or damage which I may suffer while participating in a Department of Natural Resources draw hunt.

Knowing this, and in consideration of being permitted to participate, I hereby voluntarily release the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners from any liability resulting from or arising out of my participation in the draw hunt.

I understand and agree that I am releasing not only the entities set forth in the two paragraphs above, but also the officers, agents, and employees of those entities.

I understand and agree that this release will have the effect of releasing, discharging, waiving, and forever relinquishing any and all actions or causes of action that I may have or have had, whether past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, and whether anticipated or unanticipated by me, arising out of my participation. This release constitutes a complete release, discharge, and waiver of any and all actions or causes of action against the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners.

I understand and agree that this release applies to personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, which I may suffer, even if caused by the acts or omissions of others.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am assuming full responsibility for any and all risk of death or personal injury or property damage suffered by me while participating in the draw hunt.

I understand that and agree that this release will be binding on me, my spouse, my heirs, my personal representatives, my assigns, my children and guardian ad litem for said children.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am to release, indemnify and hold the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners harmless from any and all liability or costs, including attorney fees, associated with or arising from my participation in the draw hunt.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Talent Release Form

I hereby authorize the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to use the likeness, voice and/or image of _____.

Such authorization allows the SCDNR the right to re-record onto videotape and/or audiotape the name, the likeness and the voice of the person named above.

I further authorize others as designated by the SCDNR to use the likeness, voice and/or image of _____ in radio and television broadcasts, for audiovisual information, and for educational and entertainment purposes, throughout South Carolina, the United States, and the world.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to use in perpetuity and at its discretion the images taken during the youth turkey hunt at **Santee Coastal**

Reserve WMA. It is understood that other agencies and organizations will be permitted to use these images only with the permission of the SCDNR.

Date

Signature of talent (or parent)

City and state